FINDINGS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978. It shall remain effective for a period of three years and, at the end of June 30, 1981, and with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 1978.

## CHAPTER 601

(Eouse Bill 487)

AN ACT concerning

## Dams - Repair Work

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to have certain work done on certain facilities at the expense of the owner under certain circumstances; providing for repayment of these expenses; requiring certain duties of the owners of these facilities; making certain clarifying changes; providing for a certain exception; and making stylistic changes.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Natural Resources Section 8-809 Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article - Natural Resources

8-809.

(A) [Upon] ON complaint or its own initiative, the [department] DEPARTMENT may investigate or examine any reservoir, dam, or waterway obstruction SIMILAR WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION. If the [department] DEPARTMENT determines THAT the reservoir, dam, or waterway obstruction SIMILAR WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION is unsafe, needs repair, or should be removed because it is unsafe and not repairable, the [department] DEFARTMENT shall notify the owner in writing to remove the object, as the situation warrants. The repair or removal work shall [commence and proceed to